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In re the Application of: **Isao SENDO et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004, the response date of which having been extended by one month to December 12, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.